

# U.S.D.A. Forest Service News



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## Public invited to propose projects under Title II program

**Colville, Washington** --The public will have until March 11, 2005, to propose projects for improvements on federal and adjacent lands during the 2006 field season under The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law No. 106-393) commonly known as Payments to Counties. These projects will be implemented in 2006.

Public Law No. 106-393 encourages individuals, nonprofit organizations, local governments and others to propose projects that restore watersheds, decommissions or maintains roads, removes noxious weeds, or otherwise benefits the resources on federal land. Proposed projects need not be on federal administered lands, but must benefit natural resources in Ferry, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties.

Project proposals must be sent to Diana Baxter, RAC coordinator for the Colville National Forest, 765 S. Main, Colville, WA., 99114 or e-mail to [dlbaxter@fs.fed.us](mailto:dlbaxter@fs.fed.us) by March 11.

For those who have not submitted proposals in the past please contact Amy Dillon, Interdisciplinary Team leader for the Sullivan Lake and Newport Ranger Districts at 315 N. Warren, Newport, WA 99157 for process information. Her e-mail address is [adillon@fs.fed.us](mailto:adillon@fs.fed.us), or she can be reached by calling 509-447-7361.

Project application forms may be obtained on-line at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/rac> or at the Forest Headquarters, 765 S. Main, Colville, Washington 99114.

Examples of projects that have been funded during the past include, hazard tree reduction projects, trail maintenance projects, bridge replacements, milfoil eradication, wetland restoration and wildfire protection plans.

Colville Resource Advisory Committee chairperson, John Eminger said "During the last few years, the Committee has recommended projects that had long lasting impacts in the local communities. Since the Secure Schools Rural and Community Restoration Act of 2000 was passed, the Colville Resource Advisory Committee has recommended over \$1.4 million dollars in projects to benefit local communities."

The Colville Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on June 30, 2005, from 9.AM to 4 PM in the Dominion Room, Colville Campus of the Spokane Community College, to review and recommend projects for funding during Fiscal Year 2006 to the Designated Federal Official, Rick Brazell.

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